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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 29, 1908.

STATE CONVENTION CALLED

The Republican State Committee met in Dover yesterday and issued a call for a State Convention to be held on April 7th, and the County Committee of this County is in session today at Wilmington to arrange for the primaries, at which the delegates will be chosen. At the same time, there will be elected an entire new County Committee for each of the Counties. The State Convention will choose a new State Committee, so that there is a possibility of a fight for control of the Convention, as, whichever influences predominate at Dover will likely control the actions of the party organization for the next four years.

There is quite a lot of discussion of the probable attitude of the State Convention towards the several candidates for President. Very seldom have the delegates from Delaware been instructed for any candidate, and there is a strong sentiment that way this year. True, in 1896, the delegates of the Republican, as distinguished from the Union Republican Party were instructed for McKinley, but that was done solely for its political effect. As a matter of fact the split in that convention occurred over the proposed instructions, the Union Republicans voting for a free delegation. And on that issue the Republicans were seated at St. Louis. But whether the delegates be or be not instructed, there should be no question of an unequal endorsement of the policies and measures of President Roosevelt and his administration. The Republicans of this state as we meet them and talk with them of one mind; that Theodore Roosevelt has been the people's ally as against the entrenched forces of corporate greed and that the next administration must be of the same calibre. It may be possible to prevent such an endorsement as is proper and right, or to make such a compromise as will be weak and spineless but it will not be done without opposition. Nor, if it should be successful, will it represent the feelings of the Republicans of Delaware.

A COUNTY CONVENTION

The Wilmington papers are discussing a proposition which it is said to be offered to the public Committee which is about to be elected. It is to amend the party rules that the nomination of candidates for county offices be made in a county convention, and not by the direct vote of the people. This is a serious question and before its adoption it should be carefully considered. The Transcript has ever been a firm believer in the principle and practice of choosing party candidates by a popular vote, because it usually secures nominees who are the choice of the voters, if not of the bosses, and such a primary does not leave the sore spots that a convention does. The Democrats nominate their candidates by a convention and two years ago, after a candidate for a certain office had secured the pledges of a majority of the convention another man got them away and caused a large sized "kick."

On the other hand the advocates of convention, say, many of them, that they are opposed in principle to the Convention system but owing to the peculiar conditions, they favor the change with the understanding that the party go back to the present system after a couple of campaigns; that a better balanced ticket is usually secured from a convention in that different localities and represented; and for ever above all that it will tend largely to eradicate grafting. This latter claim, if true, should be a sufficient reason to overcome all objections. No one, not in close touch with party management can appreciate the drain made upon the purse and nerves of a candidate. Stories are told and names given, of certain small "leaders" who have built houses, given their wives diamonds, bought horses and carriages, &c., all out of the graft collected during a single campaign. No one knows better than the candidates how useless is the money expended in this way. But they have to cough up. The question for consideration is "Will a convention abolish a large proportion of this?" If so let us have a trial of the plan.

A HEART TO HEART TALK

Col. Townsend is a veteran editor and knows what it is to give long credits for subscriptions to a valuable paper like the *Middletown Transcript*. In his paper recently he had a heart to heart talk with his subscribers in this common sense way:

"We presume that some people think newspaper men are persistent donors. Let a farmer place himself in a similar position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose that he raises a thousand bushels of corn, and his neighbor should come and buy, and the price was one dollar or less, and says, 'I will pay the amount in a few days.' As the farmer does not want to be small about the matter, he says, 'All right.' Another comes the same way, and another, until the whole thousand bushels of corn is sold to a thousand different people and no one of the different persons concern himself about it, for it is a small amount he owes the farmer and of course that would not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has frittered away his entire crop of corn, and that its value is due in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because his debtors treat it as a little matter. But if all would pay him promptly, which they could as well as not, it would be a large sum to the farmer and enable him to carry on a business without difficulty."

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. Henry T. Deaver spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. Gilbert C. Cooling was a visitor in Baltimore Saturday.

Miss Elva Griffith has been spending a few days in Wilmington.

Miss Eva Wadick, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. John Brown.

Mr. Albert Bowden, of Wilmington, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Loveless, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Lillie Woodford, of Woodford, Md., is the guest of Mrs. Ralph Rees.

Mr. George Conroy, of Philadelphia, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Mary Conroy.

Miss Ethel Ellison was the guest of Miss Frances Griffith, at Cecilton, on Wednesday last.

Rev. Mr. Joseph, of Princeton, N. J., and the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Dr. Clifton C. Laws and H. W. Caldwell attended the checker tourney in Elkton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Ellison, of Kirkwood, visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Bouchele, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Titter and children, of Baltimore, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wharton.

Mrs. Henry W. Kibler entertained Misses Lucy Reed, Dora Steele and Ida Bouchele at dinner on Sunday, in honor of Miss Betsa Knutson.

Miss May Foster and Capt. Frank Shivers were married last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Foster.

William J. DeCoursey died at his home in St. Augustine, on Tuesday of last week. The funeral services were held on Saturday. Interment at St. Augustine Cemetery.

The Town Council has begun condemnation proceedings on a piece of property owned by Margaret A. Tier, and located at what is known as Mt. Nebo. On Thursday last Sheriff Hager summoned a jury, which will meet here again to-day.

Any citizen interested in the proposed amendment to the charter of Chesapeake City, may see a copy of the bill introduced by Mr. J. Wilson Snyder, by applying to Mr. I. S. Hopper, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, at the Collector's office.

LENT BEGINS MARCH 4TH

Lent, the season of prayer and penitence, will soon be observed in the Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran Churches. Among Catholics and Episcopalians the fast is more generally observed.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 4th, and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 11th. The Lenten regulations to be issued for the Catholics by authority of Cardinal Gibbons, will include the following:

1. All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year, unless exempt by dispensation or some other legitimate cause, are bound to observe the fast of Lent.

2. They are to make one meal only a day, except on Sundays.

3. A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening.

4. The following persons are exempt from obligation of fasting: Persons under 21 years of age; the sick; nursing women; those who are obliged to do hard labor; and those who, through weakness, cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

5. The faithful are reminded that, besides the obligations of fasting imposed by the church, this holy season of Lent should be, in an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow of sin, of exclusion from the world and its amusements and of generous almsgiving.

FOR SALE

Farm of 416 acres, about 2 miles from Chester, Kent Co., Md., formerly the property of the late R. T. Cochran, Esq., who had the reputation of being one of the best judges of land on the Peninsula, now owned by Thomas F. Fankler.

This farm can be bought at a fair price, as the present owners have moved away. For further information, apply to

JOSEPH L. STEVENS, Middletown, Del., or A. M. Brown, 6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Edwin Collins is quite ill.

Fresh oysters every day at H. GILL'S.

John Townsend, Jr., is spending the week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary A. Carter was a visitor in Middletown on Tuesday.

Miss Belle Garton has had as her guest Miss Leta Benton, of near Massey.

Martin Lee, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor with his mother here.

Mrs. Florence Burrows, of Bay View, spent Sunday with Mrs. D. Richardson.

Harry Stradley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his family in Townsend.

Benedict Hutchison has resumed his duties as rural mail carrier after two weeks vacation.

S. Tinley Scott is able to resume his work in Wilmington, after several months' illness.

Mrs. Sherburn Collins has returned home, after spending several days with her parents in Smyrna.

Mrs. Elizabeth Voshell has returned to her home in Smyrna, after spending several days with Mrs. Money.

Mr. Albert Wells has returned, after visiting friends and relatives in Wilmington, Philadelphia and Tacony.

B. Frank Collins was given a postal shower by his friends Saturday in honor of his eleventh birthday anniversary.

Sunday will be observed as Missionary Sunday by the M. E. Sunday School in Townsend. Special services will be held in the evening.

While eating oysters at an oyster supper a shell caused much trouble.

The Townsend W. C. T. U. honored the memory of Frances E. Willard at the home of Mrs. Winfield Letterson on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Saline Taylor presided at the selection of Miss Willard's sayings were read by the different ones present. Mrs. W. E. Hart and Mrs. M. B. Donovan read selections appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Taylor gave a brief appreciation of Miss Willard.

ST. GEORGES

Miss Maggie Well is the guest at home of H. V. Buckson.

Mrs. George Hill spent last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Rosetta Croeland is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Bartan Hopkins was in Wilmington the early part of this week.

Mrs. Thomas Swan spent Tuesday with Rev. C. N. Jones and family.

William Aspell, Jr., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Crumpton.

Miss Della Martin, of Felton, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. James Gam.

Mrs. William Aspell was called to New York by the illness of her sister, Miss Cara Porter.

Clarence Jamison, who has been confined to his bed with a gripe, is able to be out again.

Clark Ford, of Wilmington, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. William Todd, of Kirkwood.

Mrs. Lee Davidson, of Corbit, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elida Jones, on Thursday.

Richard Moore and family were the guests of W. W. Smith and family on Sunday.

Mrs. H. V. Buckson returned on Wednesday, after spending several days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Moore and daughter were guests of her parents, James Cannon and wife, this week.

H. V. Buckson is in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Thomas Fowler and two children left on Saturday for Tarrytown, N. Y., their future home.

Miss Ida Morry, of near Newark, spent part of this week with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones.

John Krause principal of the public school, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother at Henry Clay.

John Milligan who has lately returned from Europe, is the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

Miss Clara Barnett has returned home, after spending the winter with friends in Delaware City and Porters.

A drama will be given by the young folks of our town in the near future. It promises to be a very pleasing event.

A rock social will be held at the home of Mrs. James Gam Wednesday evening, March 11th. Proceeds for M. E. Sunday School.

About forty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reynolds attended a party at their home on Tuesday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in playing games and listening to five delightful piano solos rendered by Miss Eva Vandegrift. At the usual hour the company was invited to the dining room, where an abundance of cake and other refreshments awaited them.

Fifteen members of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F. visited Elkton lodge on Wednesday, last, when they met lodges from all over the states of Delaware and Maryland. Those present from this town were delighted with their entertainment, and thought the work done by Elk Lodge of Wilmington and one of the lodges of Baltimore would be hard to beat. There were about 500 present.

REV. J. H. BUTTER'S SUCCESSOR

Rev. John H. Butter, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, of the M. E. Conference (Colored branch), preached at Whitcomb Church Sunday morning, February 16th, and addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon. This is presumably his last year in this district and he made a very commendable record. There is much speculation as to his successor. Prominent among those mentioned and likely to be elected to the position is the Rev. J. H. Hubbard, at present pastor of Whitcomb Church. We should be grieved to see him leave Dover but the spirit of true friendship is always evidenced by a desire to see a good and capable man advanced. Although the Rev. Hubbard has been here but one year, in that short time he has won the respect and good will of all who know how to appreciate good service intelligently performed. Since his appointment here, I have come into daily contact with him and can say unreservedly that his life and walk are those of an ideal Christian gentleman.—State Sentinel.

Public Sale

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, on the "TOWNSEND FARM," at TOWNSEND, DELAWARE, on

Tuesday March 3, '08

At 10 o'clock A. M., The following Described Property, to-wit:

8 HEAD OF Horses, Colts, Mules

No. 1—S.A.M. Black Horse, 10 years old, splendid work horse and good size. No. 2—SPOT, Mare Pony, 8 years old, works kind single or double, a fair driver, and as fine a saddle hack as any man owns.

No. 3—GYPSY, Brown Mare, 6 years old, will work any place you put her, and a good driver, safe for lady to drive and fearless of all objects.

No. 4 and 5—Pair Bay Mules Pete and Jack, 5 years old, work kind single or double, quick and work like one mule. This is a splendid team, and anyone wanting mules should come and see them.

No. 6—Yearling Stud Colt, sired by Alcantara, dam a Hambletonian mare, standard bred. He is fine size and will make an excellent horse. Father bought this colt to keep for his stock, but I have decided to sell him.

No. 7—Yearling Mare Colt, good stock and fine size.

No. 8—Odd Mule, 12 years old, full of life and a fine worker, good size.

17 HEAD OF Good Cattle

Eleven Milch Cows, some with calves by their sides, others close springers, good Jersey and Holstein. This lot of cows was selected by my father regardless of cost, and they are as fine a lot of Milch Cows as will be sold this year. They are strong and fine milkers. Come see them and you will surely buy.

Four heifers, coming 3 years old, good stock and close springers. Two stock bulls, 2 years old.

HOGS—Three good Brood Sows, will farrow in April, good size and Stock. One fine Jersey Red Boar, will weigh about 150 lbs. in a month.

Farming Implements, Harness, &c.

Two large wagons, nearly new; 1 one-horse wagon, good as new, has been fixed with a tomato rigging; 1 Deer corn planter, has only planted 40 acres, as good a planter as a man ever used; 1 Steel Tooth rake, good as new; 2 Iron Age wheel cultivators, only used one season; 2 McCormick mowers, in good order; 1 Disc harrow, good as new; 1 Oliver double gang plow, new last fall. When all this plow went on and the work last fall, this plow went on and saved the work.

One No. 20 Ward plow, new last spring; 2 No. 19 Oliver plows, 1 No. 40 Oliver plow, 1 Grub, 2 one horse plows, 5 hand cutters, good as new; 1 16-tooth harrow, 1 50 tooth harrow, 2 hay ruggings, 2 and 3 horse trees, forks, shovels, hoes and many other articles too numerous to mention.

HARNESS—Two sets wagon harness, 6 sets plow gears, 6 bridles, 6 collars, &c.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of \$20.00 and under cash; on sums over that amount a credit of eight (8) months will be given by the purchaser giving bankable note with approved security. Interest and taxes to be paid by the buyer to be removed under the above terms are complied with.

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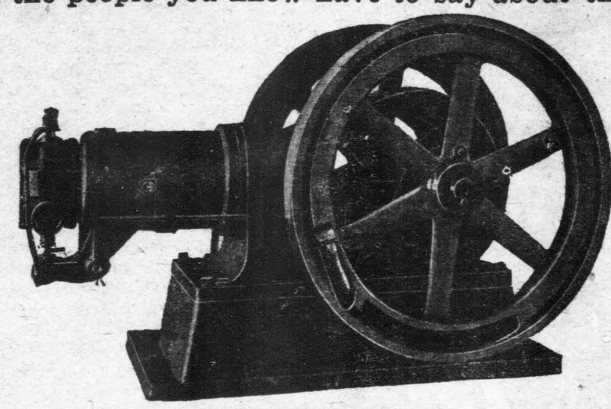
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S. Georges, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Delaware.

Gentlemen:—The 3-horse-power Olds gasoline engine I bought of you three years ago, is giving me perfect satisfaction, and should I at any time need more power, I would get another of the same, but larger. The one I have pumps all the water, shells all the corn, grinds all the feed, separates the milk, churns the cream, runs the washing machine, grinds the sausage, and in fact takes the place of a man, and is always ready. Of the many gasoline engines, I think the Olds the simplest and easiest to operate, as it has the fewest working parts to get out of order. I installed mine myself; have not needed anybody to look after it, have not needed any repairs, and do not notice any wear in three years' use. It is a labor saver. For raising water a wind engine is a back number compared with an Olds gasoline engine. You don't have to wait 'till the wind blows with the latter, and it can be used for various purposes. A trial will convince anyone that they are second to none.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. D. CROSSLAND.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 31st, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter asking me what I have to say about the Olds engine, I bought of you. Will say I cannot say too much for this engine. It suits me to perfection. I have not had any trouble with it in any way since I bought it. I bought it for 8-horse-power, and am sure it is full power. Now that I have used it I would not know how to get along without it. It is a good investment.

Yours truly,

J. COWGILL ALSTON.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—I have been using the Olds gas engine you sold me on June 11th, with perfect satisfaction. It is simple, easy to run, and has not cost me one cent for repairs during the 7 months it has been in use, and for the use we have for it (ice cream making), it is a model engine.

Respectfully yours,

W. B. KATES.

Port Penn, Del., Dec. 27th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—I can say that the Olds gasoline engine, is all that they claim for it. My engine is an 8-horse-power, and has been running a little over four years. My work is mostly grinding feed. The repairs have cost me six or eight dollars, most of which has been my own carelessness. My batteries have never been refilled.

Yours truly,

R. H. KEEN.

Cecilton, Md., Dec. 23d, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter, I would say: The Olds engine that I have been using for nearly 3 years, has given me good satisfaction. It is a good strong machine, and easy to operate. I have done good work with it, and I cannot speak too high in its favor.

Respectfully,

J. T. MANLOVE.

Warwick, Md., January 22d, 1908.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—Having used the Olds engine for over a year, I am glad to say that it has more than come up to the recommendation you gave it. Am using it for grinding, shelling corn, sawing and practically doing all the heavy work in an up-to-date wheelwright and blacksmith shop. I have no hesitancy in saying that no shop or farm is complete without an Olds engine. While I have but a 3-horse power, it at times develops at least 5 horse. It is very simple and easy to run, and cost for repairs practically nothing, having cost me but 30 cents during the year, aside from batteries, I consider it the greatest investment I have made lately.

Respectfully,

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Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Going South—6:00 a. m., 8:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Bartlett 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 26, 1908.

Local News

Spring will soon be here.
The sound of the herring horn will soon be heard on our streets.
Some of our merchants are receiving their spring goods.
It is rumored that one of our young men will soon take a Maryland bride.
Pictures of the late Bishop Coleman can be had at
MORNO'S.
HORSE SHOEING—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.
J. C. GREEN.
Shad fishermen will soon begin operations for the season and they are making great preparations for a large haul.
Dr. M. B. Burstan, Eye Specialist and Optician. Eyes examined. All work guaranteed. East Main St., Middletown.
Up-to-date dental work at
MODERATE COST. Dr. Johnson, Middletown. Phone 18.
NOTICE TO FARMERS.—We contract in Delaware and Maryland for the best Wire Fence made. See us before buying and be convinced.
ALGER & WILSON.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Dentist, Middletown, Del. Phone 18.
FOR RENT.—House and stable, East Main St. Occupied by J. S. Price (Tea man).
G. E. HICKILL.
The W. H. Johnson property located on West Green street, was sold at sheriff's sale on Tuesday at the National Hotel, to J. Frank Biggs, attorney, for \$915.
Prominent farmers state that wheat is not looking well at all at this time, but that it is not hurt so badly but what it will come out with the suitable weather in the spring.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Dentist, Middletown, Del. Phone 18.
FOR SALE.—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs, by the setting or in 100 lots. The chicken for the farmer as they are great winter layers.
G. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.
This month only, extra thick \$30.00 French egg, Omelette matreasses for \$18.50, 60 lbs. covered beautiful mercerized French artwills. W. J. WILSON.
FOR SALE.—1000 chestnut posts. Apply to
L. L. WILLIAMS, St. Augustine, Cecil Co., Md.
FOR RENT.—The seven room dwelling on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Possession given March 25th, 1908. Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.
Mr. A. B. Hawkins, the painter and paper hanger, who has been absent for several weeks, returned this week, and is now ready to give you an estimate on your work.
REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT.—Store house and dwelling at Summit Bridge, Del.; possession given March 25. Apply to Samuel Aitch, Glasgow, Del.; or Geo. W. Ingram, Middletown, Del.
Remember that Monday next is the second day of March, and the annual election is to be held on that day at the office of Justice of the Peace Alfred G. Cox, between the hours of one and four o'clock, P. M.
People take newspapers nowadays, read them and then throw them away. They never think what a source of pleasure and profit—or reminiscence and thought, a file or even a few numbers of such papers would be to them twenty or thirty years afterwards.
There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back to-morrow or you can send it away, feel that you have sinned, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to yourself and neighbor.
The new green houses of Mr. E. J. Steele on West Main street, are a great convenience to the people of this section, and while Mr. Steele has not completed his plant, he has a good supply of all varieties of flowers on hand. He will make a specialty of early vegetable plants this spring.
The Transcript readers are doubtless aware by this time that if a newspaper allows a subscriber to be one year in arrears on a subscription, hereafter, the publisher will be fined by the postal authorities. We hope our subscribers will remit at once on all subscriptions over that time.
Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son have the agency for the "Olds" gasoline engines, and their advertisements in this issue. If you are thinking of buying one, read the testimonials of those who are using the "Olds," in their ad. You know them, and what they say about the engines wonderful work, can be relied upon as absolutely true.
The orange crop harvest of California, now in full season, in quantity promises to break all previous records. The fruit exchange of the state estimates that the total output of oranges will reach 30,000 carloads, about 9,000,000 boxes, or 1,350,000,000 oranges. The harvest will last until July 4th.
The most independent man in the land is he who pays as he goes. He can buy more cheaply, look after the little leaks more closely, and always have more ready money than he who runs a store account. He is never pestered with dues, as the man who is content to live on the next week's wages.
The Farm Magazine thus shows the difference between town and country: In town the loafer is looked upon as a natural product, and as such occasions no special remark. In the country a loafer is looked upon as a sort of outcast. He has no standing in the community, and the other farmers don't "neighbor" with him if they help it.

"For the first time in years, probably in the history of Smyrna, Alderman Eugene Crow, chief of Department of Public Safety submitted his monthly report to Town Council, stating that no arrests had been made during January and consequently no fines imposed or collected. The report was greeted with smiles and on motion was accepted and filed."—E. C.

Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine entertained the Matinee Enchante at her home, on Thursday afternoon.
The five-month-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward P. Burnham, of Wilmington, was buried in Forest Cemetery on Tuesday.
The program for the Century Club next Tuesday, consists of "American Rulers," Miss Price; "Anecdotes of Mistresses of the White House," Mrs. Cann.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Feb. 20th: Miss Mabel Hollinsworth, Miss Martha Vandegriff, Mrs. Rebecca Wittenhouse, Julia Mardis (2).
The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hurn, on Cass street, was the scene of a most happy family gathering on Monday. The occasion was the 81st birthday of the veteran, and he gave a dining to his granddaughter, Mrs. John Armstrong and his two little great-granddaughters. Mr. Hurn received a real shower of postal cards, 81 in all, in honor of the event. He has lived in Middletown 66 years and remembers when it was only a crossroad.

Middletown was in darkness on Thursday night last week for a time because of a horse. The horse, the property of Mr. C. M. Cochran, became entangled in an electric wire that had become loose and was shocked on East Main street, and the electric plant was notified and shut down until the animal could be extricated. When the current went off the horse was liberated and soon was apparently well over. The town was in darkness a quarter of an hour.
The Special Services which were held in the Forest Presbyterian Church this week will be continued next week. The following named clergymen will preach: Monday evening, March 23, the Rev. Alexander Allison, Jr., of Wilmington; Tuesday, the Rev. M. J. Hyndman, of the Olivet Church, Philadelphia; Wednesday, to be announced; Thursday and Friday, the Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover. All are cordially invited to attend these services. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, March the eighth.

If you know of an item or a piece of news, tell us about it. That's what we want. But a newspaper man sometimes experiences more difficulty in gathering news than one would imagine. This was the case when a reporter in a neighboring town, who, a few days ago was sent to write up a fire in a residence. Going to the door he inquired for the lady of the house. The maid said she was out. "Are any of the family at home?" inquired the scribe. "No, they are all out," was the reply. "What time will they be home?" "I don't know," said the maid. "I'll be back in a few minutes," said the hired girl, "but that's out, too."

The grand benefit of our popular firemen will be given in the Opera House in the near future. The play to be presented will be Mr. W. W. Price's delightful and sparkling farce-comedy in three acts entitled, "College Days." Mr. William Howe, the well-known actor of over twenty years experience, is staging this laughable play and he will be ably assisted by the following well known local talent: Misses Mary Adkins, May Kumpel, Hattie Cullen, Mary E. Richards and Messrs. Joseph A. Soudan, J. J. Northrup, Daniel Stevens, J. William Beaton, Norman Kumpel and Harry Vinard. Splendid specialties will be given between the acts, together with elegant music. The prices will be within the reach of all, and our citizens will have the pleasure of witnessing a rare treat. Full particulars in our next issue.

MR. JAMES B. MESSICK
James B. Messick is his name. It is a name worth thinking about for more than a moment.
The Journal printed a story in which James B. Messick was the hero, if we may be permitted to use the word here in this connection.
The burden of the story is that James B. Messick, after eighteen years, is paying money to his former creditors. He is not forced to pay the money by law, but is paying it voluntarily. Mr. Messick was unfortunate in business eighteen years ago at Kenton, and was compelled to cease business owing considerable money. He resumed business, has prospered, and proposes to pay all the people to whom he owed money when he failed. Some of his creditors, among them Mr. E. C. Ross, had forgotten all about the debt, and the surprise of Mr. Ross may be imagined when the check for more than \$2000 came to him. Mr. Messick says that in paying these debts he is fulfilling the cherished desire of his life.
We have read a great deal these days about frenzied finance and crooks in business, about men who desire to reap the fruits of the misfortunes of others, and it is a pleasure to read of a man like James B. Messick.—Evening Journal of February 25th.

Pays Creditors After 18 Years
Dover, Del., February 21st.—The action of James B. Messick, who failed in Kenton, eighteen years ago and settled with his creditors for 25 cents on the dollar, and is now sending out certified checks paying the other seventy-five per centum, is attracting widespread notice.
In a letter to E. C. Ross of Seaford, in which Mr. Messick says he is now prospering in business and is able to carry out the cherished desire of his life to pay the last dollar of that deficit. Mr. Messick also states that he has decided to discontinue the amount due. The Ross check was for \$27.00. When Ross got his check, he prepared to send it back, as he thought the man had made a mistake. It had been so long ago, and he had suffered so many losses since that he had actually forgotten about Mr. Messick's shortage. Mr. Messick is now one of the most prominent business men that the peninsula has produced.

Insults for Colored Farmers
For the benefit of the coming negro farmers of Delaware, a special farmers' institute has been arranged by the State Board of Agriculture to be held at the State College for Colored Students at Dover, on Monday, March 1st. A. W. Slaymaker, secretary of the board and a leading fruit grower will talk on "Strawberry Growing." Director H. Haywood, of the Delaware Experiment Station, will discuss "How to Make the Most of the Soil." Professor A. E. Grantham will lecture on "Our Corn Crop," and Superintendent of Public Instruction James E. Carroll will speak.

Miss Susan G. Justice died at her home on Cass street on Wednesday afternoon, aged 81 years. She was a sister of Mrs. H. M. Barr, with whom she had made her home for many years. She was a faithful member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. She was not only faithful to her church, but just as faithful in believing that it was her duty as a Christian to do the will of her Master at all times. Truly she could say: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"
Funeral services will be held at the residence of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Barr, this (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock, and interment made in St. Anne's Cemetery.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Alice Wood was in Wilmington last week.
Miss Laura Willis was in Philadelphia last week.
Miss Florence D. Gill is visiting relatives at Sparrow's Point, Md.
Miss Louie Jolie is spending the week with relatives in Wilmington.
Mr. George D. Kelley, Jr., of Newark, spent last Sunday with his parents here.
Mrs. L. E. Cullen spent several days this week in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.
Mrs. J. P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.
Mrs. Ernest Windel, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore.
Mrs. Harry Jones, of St. Augustine, Md., was the guest of Mrs. Fred P. Williams part of the week.
Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd and daughter Jessie have returned home, after several weeks at Atlantic City.
Mrs. John B. Cooke, of Philadelphia, was in town last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Biggs.

Miss Ida V. Howell is ill at her home on Main street, and unable to attend to her duties at the High School.
Mr. William Voshell, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Voshell.
Miss Blanche Elison, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Clara Paxon have been spending a few days with friends at Sparrow's Point, Md.
Mr. and Mrs. Enoch G. Allee returned last week from New Bern, N. C., where they visited their son, Mr. George Allee and family.

Mrs. Joseph C. Parker who has been unwell for several months, was taken seriously ill on Sunday, but we are glad to state she is much improved at this writing.
Mr. C. P. Cochran, whose illness was mentioned in our last issue, was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital in Philadelphia on Monday, and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is now improving, and hopes to return home during the coming week.

Mrs. J. G. Bragdon, who was compelled to undergo an operation for appendicitis at the H. S. Spangenberg Hospital in Philadelphia several weeks ago, is improving rapidly, and her numerous friends here will be glad to learn that she expects to return home next Wednesday.

SUPPER AND SOCIAL

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Bethesda M. E. Church gave a George Washington Supper and Social on last Friday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox, on Green street. The house was beautifully decorated, the Washington theme being carried throughout. The National colors were predominant, particularly in the dining room, lighted up by candles in candelabra and old-fashioned candlesticks. In the center of the supper table was a cherry tree in fruit and George dressed as a boy, with hatchet in hand, ready to cut it down. At each plate were cherry napkins and souvenir hatchets. A delicious supper was served from 5.30 to 8.30, by the obliging young ladies of the society. After the supper a pleasing entertainment was given as follows: singing "America" by all; recitation "The Cherry Tree" by Lola Ingram. On being engaged, Miss Ingram gave "A Trip to Mt. Vernon"; recitation, "The Times have changed" by Master William Clark; singing "Star Spangled Banner" followed by a Dialogue entitled "Aunt Polly joins the Missionary Society" by Misses Mary Adkins, May Kumpel, Louie Jolie, Edna Banning and Bettie Forker, which was well rendered and very entertaining. The Society cleared \$17.00 which will be used by them in their work. About 85 guests were present during the evening.

OBITUARY

Mrs. MARTHA C. DENNY
Died at her home on Broad Street in this town Saturday morning, February 22d, Mrs. Martha C. Denny, wife of John W. Denny, aged 62 years. She was the daughter of John and Martha Vandenberg, and was born near Townsend, September 9th, 1855, and was united in marriage May 12th, 1875.
Mrs. Denny had been an invalid for the past year, and all the care and love that skilled physicians and an anxious household could devise and apply for her comfort were cheerfully given but the fiat of Him who rules our incomes and outgoings had been issued, and despite the prayers and entreaties of those who knew and loved her, her appeals were overruled, and her spirit took its flight to that home the Christian believes is the fulfillment of the life overiding. She is survived by a kind husband and six living children, who will long cherish her memory. The last services were held at her late home Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, her pastor, the Rev. G. P. Jones officiating. The flowers were many and beautiful, but not more so than the face that rested so peacefully among them. The remains were taken to Townsend and interment made in Immanuel Cemetery.

Weep not that her toil is over;
Weep not that her race is won.
God grants we may rest as peacefully,
When, like her, our work is done.

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TRUSTEES NAME OFFICERS

What business was transacted by the members of the Board of Poor Trustees at their annual meeting at the county hospital at Farmhurst is a sealed book, because for over two hours Wednesday the time of the members was spent behind closed doors. No inkling of the reason of the secrecy other than the nomination of officers, which is equivalent to an election, was given to the reporters, but it is thought the question of the monthly dinners was the main topic of conversation, but this could not be verified.

It is believed, however, that the dinner question is a closed one, so far as the present trustees are concerned, and those who enjoy the good things of life, if they are lucky enough to be a guest, will continue to enjoy the dinners for the ensuing year at least.
The heavy rainstorm of Wednesday morning prevented many from attending the meeting despite the fact that the annual election of officers was heralded to be the main feature. While it had been announced from time to time that there would be opposing candidates for the several places in the gift of the trustees the promised opposition did not appear and every old officer was re-nominated.

The officers will be elected formally at the meeting in April, although they were practically elected Wednesday, but through a ruling of the board they cannot be elected at the same meeting at which they were nominated. This ruling brought forth some discussion on the part of the members, who thought the officers should be elected the same day, but no action was taken.

The officers nominated were:
President, Dr. Columbus Henry, of Newark.
Superintendent, James W. Foster.
Resident Physician, Dr. H. W. Briggs.
Coroner's Physician, Dr. J. W. Bastian.
Secretary, A. V. Lesley, George.
Attorney, Reuben Satterthwaite, Jr.
Matron, Mrs. Margaret Bacon.
First Assistant, Miss Emma Pinder.
Second Assistant, Miss Maude Truitt.
Head female nurse, Miss Minnie O'Hallan.
Head male nurse, David B. Ferris.
Chief Engineer, George Pool.
Head Farmer, William Jones.
Cochman, James H. Durham.
Watchman, William W. Foster, Jr.

At the open meeting of the board which followed the caucus nothing but matters of a routine nature was transacted.

WHY DO WE WORRY?

BY S. S. C.
Why do we worry about the next?
We only stay for a day,
For a month, or a year, at the Lord's behest.
In this habit of play.
Why do we worry about the road,
With its hills and deep ravine?
In a diurnal path or a heavy load,
We are helped by hands unseen.

Why do we worry about the years,
That our feet has not yet trod?
Who labors with courage and trust, nor fears
Has fellowship with God.
The best will come in the great "to be,"
It is best to serve and wait
And the wonderful future the soon shall see
For death is but the gate.

WARWICK

Mr. R. B. Merritt was in Elkton on Tuesday.
William J. B. Lofland was in Millington, on Monday.

Messrs. John L. Latomus and E. E. Marsh were Clayton visitors on Tuesday.
Rev. C. M. Cullum was the guest of Dr. Little, in Chestertown, part of this week.

The pastors' class meets in the Church every Thursday evening until further notice.
Mrs. B. S. Hall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Armstrong, near McDonough.

Mrs. John L. Latomus is sojourning at the home of her father, Mr. H. L. Smith at Smyrna.

Guy Johnson will go to Philadelphia this week to purchase a library for the public school here.

The prayer meeting committee of the C. E. Society met at the home of Mrs. H. M. Eaton on Tuesday evening.

Our patriotic citizens did not forget to set to the breeze the sacred emblem of liberty on Saturday last, showing their respect to Washington, the father of our country.

Mr. L. H. Holden, formerly a resident of our town, has been compelled to give up his home and work near Baltimore owing to ill health. We wish him speedy and entire recovery.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at the M. P. Church to-morrow evening at the usual hour. Topic, Song's of the heart. How God leads men. Psalm 23. (Consecration Meeting).

CECILTON

Miss Laura Price is the guest of Mrs. John G. Manlove.

Omarr Crothers, of Elkton, was in town one day last week.

Mrs. John Bick, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Watts.

Miss Mollie Richards is visiting relatives in Newark, Del., and Philadelphia.

Miss Myrtle Stradley, of Warwick, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.
J. R. Smith, of Wilmington, is the guest of his brother, Mr. P. Smith and wife.
Harry Budd, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. H. Budd and wife.
Mr. George Boyles and wife, of Kent County, Md., are visiting her parents, Mr. J. A. Smith and wife.
Raymond Filligame, of Concordville, Pa., spent several days with his parents, Mr. W. W. Filligame and wife.
George Oldham, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Oldham.

Rev. W. F. Adams, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Eastern, will be here in the Chapel for Confirmation on Sunday morning, March 1st.

ODESSA

Misses Hallie and Ella Gray are guests of Philadelphia relatives this week.
Mrs. M. A. M. Davis was the guest of Wilmington friends on Sunday last.
Mr. B. Secks visited friends in Chestertown, Md., several days last week.

Mrs. John Hildner spent several days this week with relatives in Philadelphia.
Mrs. George Whitlock has returned from Philadelphia, where she has been visiting her parents.

Mr. Otto Homan, of Chester, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of John Bingham and family.

Mrs. B. Hall, of Warwick, Md., is spending sometime at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Armstrong, near town.

Mr. George Kumpel, wife and son Paul, of Delanco, N. J., spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Kate Gremminger.

Messrs. Harry Ward and John Smith, of Chester, Pa., spent one day of this week at the home of Harry Ward and wife.

Mrs. James Lee, wife and little son Albert, of near town, were visitors at the home of Harry Lightcap and family on Sunday.

Mrs. E. S. Stevens and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Spicer, of near town, spent two weeks of this week at the home of Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

Miss Adelle Alford has returned to her home near Middletown, after spending several days of last week with her sister, Mrs. Herman Kumpel.

The Young Peoples' Home Missionary Society of Dryden Presbyterian Church was very pleasantly entertained on Friday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. J. F. Douglas. After the business meeting games were indulged in. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

Not for many years has there been such a revival as is being held in St. Pauls M. E. Church. The meeting continued this week and about 60 persons have confessed conversion. The pastor has been ably assisted by Rev. John Clark of Delmar. Let us pray that the good work may continue.

WILD DUCKS PLENTIFUL

Samuel Armstrong, of Delaware City, made perhaps the biggest record in wild duck shooting ever accomplished by any local sportsman on the shore of the Delaware river. On Tuesday last Mr. Armstrong went out early in the morning along the drift ice and sighted many of them. It was impossible for them to get away, and it is authoritatively stated that with six shots Mr. Armstrong killed 73 of them. This occurred shortly after the noon hour. Another man, on the previous day, captured 23 of them. No doubt many local sportsmen will sport the wild duck territory this week. Mr. Armstrong's record in duck shooting is no doubt the highest which was ever made in such a short time, heretofore.

PUBLIC SALES

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c. L. Frank Ellison, on Bohemia Manor, 3 miles east of St. Augustine, Md. Chas. R. Bile, auctioneer.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c. L. Frank Ellison, on Bohemia Manor, 3 miles east of St. Augustine, Md. Chas. R. Bile, auctioneer.

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Loan Notice!

The Stated Annual Meeting of the Odessa Loan Association, of Odessa, Del., will be held at the Academy, on Monday, February 24th, 1908, at 8 o'clock, P. M., at which time a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected to serve one year and three (3) Directors to serve three years, at the same time a limited number of Shares of Stock in the 24th St. Loan Association will be for sale.
L. V. ASPRILL, Jr., Secretary.

FOR RENT!

For rent, the Store and Dwelling and Stable located on the corner of Broad and Lake streets, Middletown, Del., now in the tenure of E. S. Collins. Possession March 25th, 1908.
A. G. Cox, Secretary, Mutual Loan Association.

ALL SOLDIERS

of the 6th and 8th Delaware Regiments not getting pensions and all widows of soldiers of any regiments not getting pensions, write to me at once.
GEORGE W. BENNUM, Commander Col. C. R. Layton Post No. 15, Georgetown, Delaware.

INCOME FROM NEW LAW

In settling with the insurance commissioner of Delaware, George W. Marshall, the legislative auditing committee ascertained the exact amount of the revenues of that office at this, the end of the first year since the insurance commissioner was clothed with sufficient authority to collect bank taxes. Many of the banks had hitherto escaped without paying State taxes, because of a flaw in the old laws.

The committee found the following results:

Total amount received for licensees, \$7,157.
For filing certified copies of charters, \$210.
For filing statements, \$1,870.
From life insurance companies, \$18,822.95.
From life insurance companies, \$6,617.77.
From miscellaneous insurance companies, \$1,671.28.
From banks—State banks, \$9,046.90.
From banks—National banks, \$5,402.97.
Total receipts of entire department, \$31,698.87.

Every two years the State pays out \$40,000 to its Legislators and public officials, and every year about \$25,000 to its judiciary.

Averaging these together, both would be more than paid by the receipts from the new department of banking and insurance. In other words, the report shows a sufficient income to run the State machinery, almost entirely allowing all the other receipts for "velvet" or for charitable and institutional purposes and the building of good roads and permanent public improvements.

CHARGES AGAINST DOVER MINISTER

Based upon the legal insufficiency of his credentials when he was re-admitted to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, charges will be preferred against Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, pastor of Wesley Church, Dover, at the annual conference to be held in Wilmington beginning on March 18th.

Rev. Mr. Lightbourne was a member of the Wilmington Conference many years ago, but he withdrew in 1885 and was identified with the Congregational Church from 1887 to 1902 and in the meantime he had been engaged in newspaper work in New York City and was also secretary of the Wool Exchange. He returned to this conference in 1903.—Philadelphia Press.

LETTER TO MISS L. V. HOWELL

Middletown, Del.
Dear Madam: Will you give your Arithmetic class—and Algebra class—this problem?

If average paint is worth \$1.00 a gallon, and goes two-thirds as far as Devos, and wears half as long, what is Devos worth per gallon, painters' wages being \$3.50 a day and a day's work a gallon of paint.

The answer is \$11.80 a gallon; but don't tell 'em that.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOS & CO

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HOW HILDA GOT A SCHOOL

BY LELIA MUNSSELL

Well, Hilda, do you want to try again?

Mr. Kenyon had hung up his overcoat and cap and was standing with his back to the fire, which Hilda had quickened when she heard him coming. She knew he would be chilled, for it was a cold February night.

Johnston told me that there would be a change for the spring term down here in Hazel Row, he went on. The board is going to meet next Monday, he said. So if you want to try again we'd better get in your application within a day or two.

Mrs. Kenyon heard her husband's question, and came in from the kitchen to hear what further he might have to say, while the two younger children dropped their play to listen. They were all interested in Hilda's attempt to get a school.

You could board at home if you got that, said Mrs. Kenyon. It's only two miles.

Mr. Kenyon laughed. Better catch your hare before you cook it. Perhaps Hilda doesn't even want to try again.

Papa, cried Hilda, indignantly, you know I want to try again! But now listen, you and mama both. And please don't think I don't appreciate what you have done to help me; but I want to go all alone this time. If I am ever going to make a teacher, I must learn to depend upon myself. I can't always have you to do things for me. And besides, I don't blame a school board for not hiring a teacher who hasn't grit enough to apply alone. You know I can't say anything for myself when you are along, papa. I can talk before a stranger lot better than I can before you.

I don't see why you should feel that way, interposed Mrs. Kenyon. You surely are not afraid of your father.

I'm not afraid of him in one sense, but in another sense I am. I can't talk to him as I would like to. I can't apply for a job, and I let him go along twice this spring, and I haven't a school yet.

Mrs. Kenyon stated to speak, but her husband shook his head at her. I guess we'll have to let you have your way this time, he said. We'll see if you succeed any better than I did.

Hilda gave him a grateful look. But how are you going? he asked. Couldn't I walk? It isn't far.

No, indeed. Johnston, of course, is less than two miles away, but Mr. Andrews lives four or five miles northeast, and Smith is as far in the other direction. You'll have over twelve miles, too much snow for you to walk, any way, even if it wasn't too far. And I can't trust you to drive the team alone as cold as it is.

I can ride old Selim. He's safe enough.

Yes, he's safe enough. But you will find it pretty cold, riding so far on horseback.

You'd better let your father take you in the buggy, said Mrs. Kenyon. You'll freeze to death on Selim.

Now, mama, please! begged Hilda, and her mother said no more.

Hilda had many ambitions, but the nearest and most absorbing one was to get a school. Beyond that lay a college course, and beyond that—she hardly dared to think of all the good things the future might hold for her and hers if only she might go to college. But she knew that the money for a college course must come from her own efforts.

She had been a proud girl when her first certificate came. It was only for a year, of course. According to the laws of the state, one must have taught three months to receive a certificate for a longer time than that. But her grades were high enough to entitle her to a second class.

The county superintendent had enclosed a kind little note with the certificate, and had spoken personally to her father, commending her work very highly. Hilda felt that she had a right to be proud.

But the certificate in itself was not worth much. Its chief value lay in the fact that it entitled her to teach if she could get a school. And how she did want a school! She dreamed of it by night and talked of it by day.

Her father's announcement that there was a vacancy so near home raised her hopes again. If she could get the place she could sell her salary, for the school was so near that she could board at home, as her mother had said. She must get it, that was all. And she felt that she must go alone. Mr. Kenyon made no objection this time, and Mrs. Kenyon consented on the condition that Hilda would allow herself to be well bundled

up for the long, cold ride. Hilda readily consented to this, but she almost rued her bargain in the morning when her mother insisted on putting a large coat of her own over Hilda's and in trying a scarf over the warm hood, and when the girl had climbed on the horse she had wrapped a warm shawl about her.

How in the world am I to get on and off again with all this stuff, mama? she asked. I feel as wrapped up as a mummy. I know I'll frighten all the horses I meet.

It was well, perhaps, that she could not see herself, for she certainly cut rather a ridiculous figure. Added to all the rest, she was riding her father's saddle. The right stirrup had been thrown over, and in this her foot rested, while the left stirrup dangled below. She had never been fortunate enough to possess a side-saddle, and had often ridden in this way about the farm. But she could not help feeling a little sensitive about her appearance on this occasion, which meant so much to her; and she wished her mother would not be so fussy.

As she drew near Mr. Johnston's house, she considered.

It would take her some time to disentangle herself from her many wrappings, and to any one watching from the house she would present rather a ridiculous appearance in her necessarily clumsy efforts to dismount. So she halted old Selim some distance from the front gate, and here, hidden by the trees, she divested herself of her extra garments.

Her heart was pounding away vigorously as she knocked and inquired if Mr. Johnston was in. She had known him ever since she could remember, but he seemed suddenly to have become almost a stranger. Outwardly, however, it was a very dignified young lady who presented her case before him.

It seemed to her that he looked at her for fully five minutes without speaking. So you want to teach? he asked at last. Pretty young, aren't you? How old are you? Seventeen?

Yes, sir, answered Hilda. I suppose that isn't very old, but I have a good certificate, and I am pretty sure that I can teach a good school. At least, I'd try my best if you would give me a chance.

That's what they all say, remarked Mr. Johnston.

I know. But that is all I can say till somebody gives me a chance to show what I can do.

You have had no experience, of course.

No. But if I am ever to make a teacher, I'll have to teach my first school sometime and somewhere.

I guess that's so. Got some pretty good grades here. He had been examining the certificate she had handed him.

Yes, sir, answered Hilda, modestly.

Again he was silent. Then he handed her back her certificate. Well, I'll tell you, Hilda. So far as I am concerned, I am willing to give you a chance. I've known you ever since you were a baby, and I know you are a wide-awake energetic little girl. But I'm only one of three, and I am afraid you won't stand the best of chances with the other two. You don't know either of them personally, do you? I thought not. Andrews wants the place for a cousin of his, and Smith will think you are too young. But go and see both of them. Don't tell them what I've said. Simply say that you spoke to me about it. Smith is president of the board.

Hilda thanked him and went her way, much encouraged in spite of what he had said about her possible reception by the other two members.

She experienced some difficulty in mounting and dismounting each time, encumbered as she was, but that did not trouble her much now, although she was careful at both places to stop far enough away from the house, as she had done at Mr. Johnston's, to enable her to accomplish this feat without being seen. And she was truly thankful that no one asked her how she came. She much preferred that the men whose interest she was trying to enlist should not see her perched upon old Selim, like a big round bump on a log, as her father had expressed it.

Fortunately, she found both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Smith at home, but she did not receive the encouragement from them that she had done from Mr. Johnston.

Indeed, Mr. Andrews told her that the school was as good as engaged, and that it was useless for her to see Mr. Smith. Hilda, remembering what Mr. Johnston had told her about the cousin, made no reply, but resolved to call upon Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith listened to her courteously and quietly. Pretty young, aren't you? he asked. Hilda laughed. I expected you to say that. But it isn't always age and experience that make success. I have always wanted to teach, and I've always thought I could teach, and I believe I can, if I am young.

I don't know but that's the right way to talk. We've got to believe in ourselves before we ever amount to much. How much would you want a month?

She was not prepared for this question. In her heart she knew that she would take the school at whatever they might offer. But she reflected that it would not be policy to say so, so she answered: Whatever you have been paying for your spring term.

Well, we'll talk over your application Monday. If we want you, we will let you know. You needn't come to see us about it again.

Hilda was obliged to be content with this. She thanked him, and then, behind the grove where she had tied her horse, she bundled her self up for the ride home, where an eager audience listened to her story while she thawed out her fingers and toes.

The next six days seemed interminably long to her, but Monday came at last. All day she listened expectantly for a step on the front porch; but no one came that day or the next. Wednesday morning she was helping her father about the barn, when she heard some one behind her, and turned to face Mr. Johnston.

Hello! he cried. So you concluded to try farming if you couldn't get a school?

Hilda smiled in reply. She could not trust her self to speak. So she had failed again.

Mr. Johnston chatted with her father for a time, while she went bravely on with her work. It would never do to let him know how disappointed she was.

Well, Hilda, he said, finally, I'll expect you to do me credit this spring.

Hilda looked up, surprised. We concluded we would try you, he continued. Andrew stuck out for his cousin, but Smith went with me. Smith was quite taken with you. Andrews' cousin had let him attend to her application, and had never come to see one of us about it. Smith didn't like that way of doing things, and I confess I don't myself. You'll get thirty-five dollars for three months. I guess we might as well go to the house and sign the contract now.

Hilda felt that she was treading on air as she followed him to the house, and when she saw her name signed to the little slip of paper, the contract between herself and District No. 33, she secretly pinched herself to see if she were awake. She wanted to shout, but of course that would not do. But the moment Mr. Johnston was gone she seized her mother about the waist and whirled her round the room.

Just think, mama! Just think! she cried. I've actually got a school. One hundred and five dollars, and no board to pay. Maybe, now, I won't have to wait any longer to go to college than I had expected to do in the first place. And, mama, she drew her mother close and whispered in her ear, when I get to be a professor in some big university you won't have to work any more, and I can give you the things that I've wanted and wanted so long to give you.

UNCLE SAM'S SPENDING MONEY

WASHINGTON, February 25th.—Uncle Sam will have spending money ample to take all of the nations of the world out for a good time as soon as he collects the big rebate fines the bad corporations owe him, according to the decision of the supreme court. Unless some new defense can now be patched up the following fines must be paid to your uncle in accordance with the holding that the Elkins act was not repealed by the Hepburn Railroad Rate Law:

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PITTSBURGH, February 25th.—Ten young women, employed as operators in the Bell Telephone exchange in Seventh avenue, have entered formal complaint with Superintendent of Police Thomas McQuade against the employees of warehouses along Seventh avenue. Their grievance was based on rats.

"It's this way, Mr. McQuade," said the spokeswoman, "the men in these buildings set traps at night and in the morning they have whole traps full of live rats. Then they have a lot of dogs, and in the morning they let the rats out and the dogs get them. That part is all right, but recently the men have been waiting until they would see a couple of us girls going to work and they would release a whole bunch of rats on us. It's only natural, you know, for a rat, when he sees a woman to rush at her and—"

"I see, I see," said McQuade, who was busling as rosy as any of the girls; "or rather I understand."

"And the men just yell with laughter, when we start to scream," continued the girl, "but we can't help it, for the rats are awful big, and they make straight for us, and there is nothing left for us to do but run and scream."

When McQuade finally bowed the committee out, the girls were all talking at once. Peter Angelo, a detective engaged in running down the "Black Hand," has been called off this work to take charge of the rat case.

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REGISTER'S ORDER. REGISTER OF WILL'S OFFICE. NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 16, 1908.

UPON the application of Morris N. Willis, Administrator of William H. Dockerty late of said County, deceased, in said County, do hereby give notice of the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, to be published within forty days from the date of such letters in the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to present the same or advise by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the sixteenth day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

MERRITT N. WILLITS, Administrator.

Address, Merrett N. Willis, Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER. OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILL'S. NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 7, 1908.

UPON the application of William H. Money late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said County, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by such letters in the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to present the same or advise by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of said office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the seventh day of January, 1908, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

WILLIAM C. MONEY, Executor.

Address, William C. Money, Townsend, Delaware.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

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Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 5, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 5.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added hereto.

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